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time they spend in school. They wind up generally as dropouts, they may cause trouble, because their minds are never challenged. This could very easily be a tracking system. Rather than set aside students and call them career path students or technical education students, the curriculum in all of these schools should make the same opportunities and burdens, if that's what they are to some, available to every student who is attending that school. No segments anymore, no internal segregation within the buildings, no setting aside. I don't believe this bill has enough merit to justify our enacting it into law. I don't believe the Legislature ever is going to put enough money into such a program, even if it were desirable, to make it achieve its goals. Such being the case, we ought to nip this one in the bud. My motion to kill is before you. If you want to ask me any questions for additional reasons that I have for wanting the bill killed, I will answer them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You heard the opening on the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 486. Open for discussion on that motion. Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the motion to indefinitely postpone this bill. For me the decision...it comes down to priorities. And at this point in the session, a lot of us have, of course, thought about teacher salaries, how we're going to fund those, where they're at on our priority list, and for me that's high on my priority list. I'm not willing to use sales taxes, but I do want to do something for teachers, I want to find a way to do that. Moving this bill forward, even with a small pricetag, small being \$500,000, still takes money away, money out of the budget that we could be using for other things, for teacher salaries. Admittedly, most of us have talked about the crisis in mental health funding, and we're going to fund that, thanks to a compromise that Senator Jensen crafted in his committee, we're going to find a way to fund that. But most of us admit that's not enough, the money we're putting in there, it's not enough. Money is scarce in this budget this year. And I appreciate what Senator Stuhr is trying to do, I appreciate vocational education, but I think if the schools think it's important they need to fund it on their own. They have budgets